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General Nathan P. Twining, USAF  
 Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Twining:

During the past few years the Central Intelligence Agency has enjoyed the privilege of sending three representatives to each annual session of the National War College. The cordial relations which have existed between the College and this Agency are a source of gratification to me, and I believe that the association has been to our mutual advantage.

Each year has seen a growing recognition throughout the Agency of the great value to be gained from participation in the College program, and the number of qualified candidates put forward has increased accordingly. This year, we had under consideration a group of twelve career officers, candidates for the 1957-58 session, who possess unusually high qualifications. They are broadly representative of the major functional areas of the Agency, and each could acquit himself well in the College proceedings.

The increasing sponsorship within the Agency of outstandingly qualified candidates leads me to question whether our usual quota of three spaces can be considered adequate in the future. I am writing, therefore, to inquire whether the quota available to this Agency may be increased to five. It will be most advantageous to us to have such a representation in the session next year, and I am confident that our candidates will participate in such a way as to further the aims of the College.

Sincerely,

Signed

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 Director

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